

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION
ON
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION
AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**June 20, 2005
Fair Oaks, 4th Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Secretary James W. Holsinger, Chair	Senator Julie Denton
Commissioner Pat W. Wear II	Representative Jimmie Lee
Commissioner Shannon Turner	Senator Tom Buford
Carol Estes for Beth Smith	Dan Baker
Pat Seybold	Louise Underwood
Glenna Taylor	Harold Kleinert
Marsha VanHook	Terry Leigh
F. Roy Shirley	Cathy Edwards
Karen Gardner	William Shaw
Gwynn Royster	Gayle Rees
Malkanthie McCormick	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Stephen Nunn
Patricia Dissell

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Secretary Holsinger opened the meeting by welcoming the members. Commission members then introduced themselves.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 25, 2005 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Sen. Julie Denton and seconded by Rep. Jimmie Lee to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

COMMISSION HISTORY AND REVIEW OF GOALS

Representative Jimmie Lee gave a brief overview of the Commission history. House Bill 144 came about in response the Olmstead decision made by the U.S. Supreme Court, which determined that actions should be taken to address the issue of individuals being on a waiting list for services and supports. In 2000 the Commission developed a Ten-

Year Plan. He commented that the Commission should work to determine the best use of limited funds using the principles of self-determination. Commissioner Wear discussed some of the goals of the Ten-Year Plan, including prevention, promotion of choice, quality and access, and solutions to financing the system. The Cash and Counseling project has been a key part of plan implementation. Kentucky has received grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky to assist in the implementation of programs based on the principles of self-determination.

REVIEW OF 2005 SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Commissioner Wear tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

REPORT ON MEDICAID CHANGES

Shannon Turner, Commissioner from the Department for Medicaid Services reported on the projected \$675M deficit in the Medicaid budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Among the contributing factors are changes in Medicaid at the federal level that are costly to Kentucky and other states. She stated that Kentucky is looking for flexibility in the implementation of Medicaid programs in order to maintain sustainability for the future. Ensuring best practices within the implementation of Medicaid programs may be an opportunity to receive a higher match from the federal government.

REPORT ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION (SJR) 85

Senator Denise Harper Angel reported on this resolution and provided information to Commission members about the aging caregivers. SJR 85 mandates Kentucky to study and report on the needs of aging caregivers and the people they support, especially when the aging caregiver can no longer provide support. The Commission must submit a report to the Senate no later than April 15, 2006 that outlines strategies to address the needs of aging caregivers.

FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Bill Cooper discussed the Family Caregiver Program developed in response to legislation from 2000 to support older caregivers and caregivers supporting the older population. Kentucky's plan is successful and is now a model for other states. However, the state is still trying to find ways to expand services as well as come up with additional funding. Phyllis Culp, the State Coordinator for the program, gave a presentation detailing what the program is and how it works.

"HOPE FOR TOMORROW" GRANT PRESENTATION

Harold Kleinert and Carolyn Wheeler of IHDI provided brochures about the "hope for Tomorrow" grant awarded to provide education and assistance in life planning and estate planning, primarily in the Central Kentucky area. The program is also expanding to other areas of the state to assist in the development of resources in life planning.

VARIABLE SCL RATES PRESENTATION

Tricia Salyer from the Bluegrass Regional MH/MR Board presented a variable rate structure they developed that includes a comprehensive assessment that ties the level

of financial support to specific needs. This new rate structure is just a proposal at this time and came about through the auspices of the Commission.

UPDATE ON OAKWOOD

Commissioner Wear reported that the Department of Justice continues to monitor Oakwood and they are pleased with the progress and improvement in quality of care.

UPDATE ON CONSUMER DIRECTED OPTION AND SUPPORTS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING (SCL) PROCESS

Betsy Dunnigan, Acting Director for the Division of Mental Retardation, presented implementation plans for the Consumer Directed Option within Kentucky's three waivers, Home and Community Based Services (HCB), Supports for Community Living (SCL), and Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). The HCB waiver amendment that includes the Consumer Directed Option has been approved by the Centers on Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and approval for SCL is pending. The consumer direction amendment to the ABI waiver is planned to be submitted to CMS in January 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / OTHER

One comment concerned the needs of individuals diagnosed with autism and issues surrounding their behavioral plans. Commissioner Wear assured her that a commission will be created to specifically address the needs of this population. Another comment was made regarding a grant received by Seven Counties regarding the recruitment and retention of direct support workers.

NEXT MEETING DATES

All meetings will be held in Frankfort at 100 Fair Oaks Ln, 4th floor Large Conference Room from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Monday, September 19, 2005

Monday, December 12, 2005

Monday, March 20, 2006

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.